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SUBJ: ANAYA GIVES MAJOR ARMY DAY SPEECH -- CHOOSES ANTI-SUBVERSION ACTION AS TOPIC

SUMMARY: DURING ARMY DAY CEREMONIES AT THE COLEGIO MILITAR, ATTENDED BY GENERAL PERON AND NUMEROUS OTHER DIGNITIARIES, ARMY CINC ANAYA GAVE SPEECH WHICH LOCAL PRESS (ESPECIALLY PERONIST PRESS) PLAYED UP AS SIGNAL ARMY WILL, AFTER ONE YEAR LAPSE, AGAIN PLAY AN ACTIVE ANTI-SUBVERSIVE ROLE. END SUMMARY.

1. THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE 164TH ANNIVERSARY OF ARGENTINE ARMY DAY CELEBRATIONS WAS A SPEECH BY ARMY CINC ANAYA, DELIVERED AT THE COLEGIO MILITAR. AMONG THE DIGNITIARIES WHO ATTENDED WERE PRESIDENT AND MRS. PERON, WELFARE MINISTER LOPEZ REGA, PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE JOSE ANTONIO ALLENDE, PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES RAUL LASTIRI, THE PRESENT SERVICE CHIEFS AND PROMINENT FORMER MILITARY LEADERS INCLUDING GENERALS CARCAGNO, LOPEZ AUFRANC, AND INIGUEZ. IN FRONT OF THIS PANTHEON OF PERONIST ORTHODOXY, ANAYA, WHOSE MESSAGE WAS REPORTEDLY WELL RECEIVED, DEVOTED

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THE MAJOR PORTION OF HIS SPEECH TO THE PROBLEM OF SUBVER-

SION.

2. ANAYA MADE REFERENCE TO THE OFFICERS KILLED BY
TERRORISTS AND THE ONE WHOSE "ABSURD AND INFAMOUS"
CAPTIVITY CONTINUES. HE VOWED THAT THE FORMER WILL NOT
BE FORGOTTEN NOT THE LATTER (COL JORGE IBARZABAL) ABANDONED.

3. TURNING TO THE GENERAL PROBLEM OF SUBVERSION, ANAYA
MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS: THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT WHICH
IS CONSISTED BY THE MOST REPRESENTATIVE SECTORS OF THE
NATION, HAS CHOSEN ITS PATH OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENT; FORCES
"ALIEN" TO THE NATION ARE SEEKING BOTH FROM WITHIN AND
WITHOUT TO UNDERMINE THE COUNTRY; THE ARMY WILL, "WITHIN
ITS CONSTITUTIONAL ROLE" MADE A "DECISIVE" CONTRIBUTION
TO INSURE THAT THESE OUTSIDE FORCES NEVER REACH THEIR
FINAL OBJECTIVE--I.E. SEIZING POWER AND DESTROYING THOSE
INSTITUTIONS WHICH MAKE UP THE ESSENCE OF THE ARGENTINE
NATION. THOUGH ANAYA REFERRED SEVERAL TIMES TO THE LEGAL
NATURE OF ANY FUTURE ARMY ACTION, THE PRESS ESPECIALLY
THE PERONIST PRESS, CHOSE TO EMPHASIZE THE PROMISED "DECISIVE
ACTION" IN ITS COVERAGE.

COMMENT: WHILE PRACTICAL EFFECT OF ANAYA SPEECH AND SCOPE
OF "DECISIVE" ACTION NOT YET DISCERNIBLE, FACT THAT ANAYA
SPOKE SO FORCEFULLY AGAINST TERRORISTS, WITH TOP LEVEL
ORTHODOX PERONIST LEADERSHIP WATCHING AND APPROVING, IS
POINT NOT LIKELY TO BE LOST ON ANY SECTOR OF POLITICAL
SPECTRUM. TONE OF SPEECH AND TREATMENT ACCORDED IT BY
PRESS ESPECIALLY THE PERONIST PRESS, PLUS EFFUSIVE OUT-
POURING OF ORTHODOX PERONISM ON OCCASION OF ARMY DAY, ADD
SOME DEGREE OF CREDITABILITY TO RUMORS REACHING EMBOFFS
THAT PERON PLANS IN NEAR FUTURE (10 DAYS TO TWO WEEKS)
TO BRING SOME MILITARY MEN INTO CABINET. (THOUGH THIS IS
NOT TO SAY EMBASSY YET PREPARED TO ACCEPT JOINT CABINET
AS LIKELY). MOST LIKELY SPOT FOR A MILITARY OFFICER IS
REPORTEDLY INTERIOR MINISTRY, WHERE THE INCUMBENT, LLAMBI,
HAS LONG BEEN RUMORED TO BE ON THE WAY OUT. GOA ISSUED
STATEMENT MAY 30 SAYING NO CABINET CHANGES ARE PLANNED,
BUT THIS HAS NOT LAID RUMORS TO REST.

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